

## **September 21, 2009 - Special Town Council Meeting**

**At a Special Meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Middletown, RI, held at the Middletown Town Hall on Monday, September 21, 2009 at 6:05 P.M.**

**Council President Christopher T. Semonelli, Presiding**

**Vice Chairman Richard Cambra**

**Councillor Frank A. Bozyan**

**Councillor M. Theresa Santos**

**Councillor Edward J. Silveira, Jr.**

**Councillor Barbara A. VonVillas, Members Present**

**Councillor Robert J. Sylvia, Absent**

**POSTED – September 16, 2009**

**Wendy J.W. Marshall, Town Clerk**

**Town of Middletown**

**Town Hall – 350 East Main Road**

**Middletown, Rhode Island 02842**

**Dear Mrs. Marshall:**

**Pursuant to the provisions of Article II, Section 203 of the Town Charter and in accordance with Sections 42-46-2 and 42-46-6., RIGL, I hereby call a Special Meeting of the Town Council to formally consider, discuss and act upon the following item of business:**

**Presentation by Rhode Island Public Expenditure Council (RIPEC), re:  
The Aquidneck Island Consolidation Feasibility Study and matters  
related there to**

**Said meeting will be held on Monday, September 21, 2009, at 6:00  
P.M. at the Middletown Town Hall, 350 East Main Road, Middletown,  
Rhode Island 02842.**

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**President**

**Christopher T. Semonelli,**

**Middletown Town Council**

**CC:**

**Town Council**

**Public Library**

**School Committee**

**Town Administrator**

**Finance Director**

**Town Solicitor**

**Town Planner**

**This meeting location is accessible to the handicapped. Individuals requiring interpreter services for the hearing-impaired should notify the Town Clerk's Office at 847-0009 not less than 48 hours before the meeting.**

**On motion of Vice Chairman Cambra, duly seconded, it was voted unanimously to receive said communication.**

**Present, representing the School Department were Superintendent Rosemarie Kraeger, Assistant Superintendent Linda Savastano, Facilities Director Ed Collins, School Committee Chair Michael Crowley, Vice Chair Theresa Spengler, members Kellie DiPalma, Lianna Ferreira Fenton and William R. O'Connell.**

**John C. Simmons, Executive Director, RIPEC addressed the Council, presenting a power point presentation of the Aquidneck Island Regionalization Study, which can be found on file in the Office of the Town Clerk.**

**Mr. Simmons reviewed the Revenue Forecast Methodology and Assumptions, Expenditure Forecast Methodology and Assumptions and Expenditure Forecast Models entered here:**

**Antone Viveiros, 110 Indian Hill Road, addressed the Council explaining the principal savings for the Town would be recognized through shared services. Mr. Viveiros expressed concern with the**

**RIPEC report information of Rights and Duties of Regional School Districts.**

**Council President Semonelli noted that with regards to the financial situation of the State, Cities and Towns, he suggests the group produce and evaluate a study regarding the quality of education derived from regionalization.**

**Councillor Silveira expressed concern with the financial burden on the taxpayers in the event that the Town considers regionalization. Mr. Silveira also noted the need to reach out to the residents for their input concerning regionalization.**

**School Committee Vice Chair Theresa Spengler expressed support for an educational study concerning the benefit of regionalization for the students.**

**Councillor VonVillas noted that the Aquidneck Island Consolidation**

**Feasibility Study document contains a great deal of information. Ms. VonVillas explained that she has many concerns with the report and questioned how regionalization will affect the quality of student education.**

**John Simmons, responding to Councillor VonVillas, offered to personally review the Aquidneck Island Consolidation Feasibility Study with her.**

**On motion of Vice Chairman Cambra, duly seconded, it was voted unanimously to adjourn this meeting at 7:10 P.M.**

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**Wendy J.W. Marshall, CMC**

**Council Clerk**

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